

District #1 - Urban Core

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

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**Urban Core ~ District 1
Citizens Planning and Advisory Committee
Main Library – Conference Room G4 - 303 N. Laura Street
Meeting Summary
Monday, April 6, 2006**

Members and Alternates

Ann Thompson
Eugene Johnson
Janetta Norman
Joyce Brinson
Michael Bryant

Deloris Swain
Ethel Griffin
JoAnn Smith
Louvenia Tippins
Michael Hartman

Doug Vanderlaan
Henrietta Hill-Murray
Johnny Swain
Luellen Logan

Guests

Beverly Toney
Tonya Jackson

Juanita Senior

Ruth Arnold

Staff/Resource

Bob Prado
Elaine Lancaster

Carolyn Shehee-Williams
Kenneth Avery

Doris Leach
Milton Locklear

Call to Order

Janetta Norman called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Remarks – Chair / Vice Chair

Janetta Norman greeted attendees, self introductions were made and a moment of silence was observed.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve minutes from March 6, 2006 was made by Doug Vanderlaan, properly seconded by E. M. Johnson and approved by the body as recorded.

Speakers

Ron Barton, Executive Director, JEDC

Provided an update on the Downtown Master Plan to reflect current conditions. Stated that JEDC has replaced DDA for downtown development. A downtown committee will focus on retail and entertainment. The proposed project would run \$60 million. Citizen involvement will be implemented through task forces or JEDC commission meetings. Citizens are encouraged to communicate with JEDC to provide feedback. He further stated that JEDC would provide regular representation to the CPAC meetings.

Michael Bryant/Beverly Toney, FRESH Ministries, Inc. – East Jacksonville Affordable Housing

Reported that FRESH Ministries is marketing affordable housing in east Jacksonville. Presented plans for construction of single family homes on Grant Street. The Restore the Glory phone number is now 854-4444.

Subcommittee Reports

Environmental – Michael Hartman reported he is following approval of funding in the House Committee for the Army Corp of Engineers study of the Hogans Creek. St Johns River Water Management District requested funding from the state government, and applied for a grant from NOAA with support of matching funds from JEA. The Department of Health will study vegetation of the St Johns. The grant would be \$100,000 if funded.

Hospitality – No report

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Membership – No report

Staff Reports

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Elaine Lancaster informed that the division is still working through the kinks in their newly installed tracking and reporting system.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – Milton Locklear reported permanent street closure at I-95 southbound Margaret Street effective April 9, 2006.

DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD – Not present.

JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE – Not present

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE – Excused

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES – Doris Leach reported that the office of the Director of Neighborhoods has been recommended for dissolution. Twelve positions would be affected, five of which are currently vacant. The Department of Housing and Neighborhood Services is newly proposed and would include four divisions: Neighborhood Services, Property Safety, Housing Commission and Community Development.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – Ken Avery reported that Margo Moehring is the new chief of Strategic Planning and also provided site plans for the Durkeeville Historical Society Community Art Gallery located at 19th Street and Myrtle Avenue.

Old Business

Michael Hartman indicated that the Growth Management Task Force would afford CPACs more responsibility.

New Business

Janetta Norman nominated Michael Hartman to receive the Mayor's Individual award and FRESH Ministries to receive the Mayor's Organization award. Seconded by Ethel Griffin and unanimously approved by the body. Janetta Norman appointed Ethel Griffin to the Hospitality Committee.

Agenda Considerations

Requests were made to have the following as speakers at future meetings: School Board Superintendent Wise, Planning and Development Director, Mike Saylor and City Council Members.

Announcements

Janetta Norman reminded members to invite a young person to attend the CPAC meeting in hopes of mentoring them to become neighborhood leaders. Ethel Griffin informed the body that member Luellen Logan lost her husband and father within one week of each other.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

The next CPAC meeting is scheduled for 5:00 PM May 1, 2006, at the Main Library - Multipurpose Room - 303 N. Laura Street.